APPENDIX B.—*contd.*

MR. B. VENKATARAMIAH (Chitaldrug Municipality).—

Q.—45. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that, in connection with the water supply scheme in 1916-17, two loans were floated and a sum of Rs. 1,40,995 was collected and the interest at six per cent was paid from 1919 to 1922-23 investing the amount in the Government Savings Bank at five per cent and taking one per cent from the municipality for payment of interest to the bond-holders ?

(*b*) (i) Is it not a fact that Government subsequently passed orders stating that only $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent would be recovered from the municipality, the remaining $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent being paid by Government; (ii) have not the municipality urged for the refund of Rs. 14,486-14-11 recovered from them in excess at $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent between the years 1919 and 1922-23 ; how has this matter been disposed of ?

(*c*) (i) Is it a fact that Government have since invested the amount at six per cent ; (ii) if so, is it not unnecessary to recover the $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent from the municipality ; when the matter stands thus, why is the Comptroller to Government urging again for the recovery of interest at one per cent from the municipality ?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—45. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) No.

(ii) The sum of Rs. 14,486-14-11 mentioned by the member is not $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent excess recovery as stated by him. It is the difference between the total amount paid by the municipality towards interest to debenture-holders and that received by them from Government which is to be charged to the capital account. The municipality have been urging for the refund of this sum. This amount was ordered in G.O. No. Fl. 464—G. F. 214-25-2, dated 26th July 1926 to be made over to the municipality after the work on the project was commenced by debiting the capital estimate. The work was not undertaken at all.

(*c*) (i) No.

(ii) These do not arise.

MR. K. RAMIAH SETTY (Hosadurga Taluk).—

Q.—46. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The number of outposts and police stations abolished recently in each taluk ?

(*b*) Whether the public or the district officers were consulted on their abolition ?

(*c*) Whether they are aware that, by their abolition, Government have deprived the rural population of police protection ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—46. (*a*) One hundred and forty-three out-posts and eighty-one police stations.

(*b*) The District Police Superintendents were consulted in the matter and detailed enquiries were made as to the retention or otherwise of stations.

(*c*) An effective beat system has been organised under which every village will be visited by the police, thereby affording better protection to the public than before.

MR. BHUPALAM NANJUNDIAH (Hosadurga Taluk).—

Q.—47. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether the delay in the delivery of *tappals* at Hosadurga owing to the non-stoppage of mail train at Hosadurga Road Railway Station and the inconvenience caused thereby to the Government work and to the public has been brought to the notice of Government ?

(*b*) Whether the Government will be pleased to address the railway authorities to arrange for the mail train being stopped at the Hosadurga Road Railway Station to avoid such inconvenience ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.—

A.—47. (*a*) Government are not aware of any complaint in the matter.

It would appear the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway have suggested to the Postmaster-General, that if the mails for Hosadurga Road were removed From No. 2 Down Mail at Chikjajur, they could go forward by No. 8 Parcel Express and be at Hosdurga Road at 2-14 hours which is early enough, and those from No. 1 Up Mail, if unloaded at Shivani at 4-39 hours could go by road to Hosadurga.

The reply of the Postmaster-General is awaited.

(*b*) The Agent, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, who was addressed in the matter states that this question was investigated on receipt of a petition from the